

Tuesday, May 16, 2000

## STS-101 crew arrived, countdown underway



## Launch-related road closures could affect commuting



**▲ Mission STS-101 Update:** Launch remains scheduled for 6:38 a.m. Thursday, May 18. Sunday night the STS-101 crew arrived (see below) at KSC's Shuttle Landing Facility for pre-launch activities. The countdown clock began at 9:30 a.m. Monday. Televised (NASA TV) Countdown

Status Briefings are scheduled at 9 a.m. today and Wednesday. Loading of the approximately 500,000 gallons of cryogenic propellants (tanking) begins about 9:43 p.m. Wednesday night. NASA Television live launch programming begins 1 a.m. Thursday, May 18. The launch window extends 5 minutes.



**▲ KSC Road Closures** for Launch of STS-101 begin Thursday, May 18.

**\* at 1 a.m.:** Static Test Rd. north to Schwartz Rd. and Schwartz Rd. from Static Test to the Landfill.

**\* at 4:30 a.m.:** Gate 6TT (S of Haulover Canal Bridge) – S.R. 3 closed between Haulover Canal Bridge and Wilson's Corner (S.R. 402) to north- and southbound traffic. Employees should use Gate 4TT (S.R. 402) for KSC access.

**\* at 6:36 a.m.:** Gate 4TT to Wilson's Corner – Closed to east and west traffic for approximately 10 minutes; Gate 2C north to Saturn Causeway and Kennedy Parkway – Closed to north and south traffic for about 10 minutes.

### After Launch or a Launch Scrub

**\*6:30 a.m. - 8 a.m.:** NASA Causeway at E Ave. – Closed to eastbound traffic for 1+ hours.

NASA Causeway at Hangar Rd. – Closed to westbound traffic for 1+ hours.

Kennedy Parkway onto NASA Causeway eastbound – Closed for approximately 1+ hours after launch. Use Gate 2A at Kennedy Parkway and 5th St. to enter Industrial Area.

◆ **Tickets Still Available:** The deadline has been extended to purchase tickets (\$8) for the Asian-Pacific Heritage Month Luncheon, May 17, in the O&C Mission Briefing Room, at 11 a.m. Call Kenny Aguilar, 867-2307; Marina Harris, 867-3801; Rupert Lee, 867-1403; or Paula Nosca, 867-0745.

◆ **Reminder: Blood Pressure Checks** are available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. **May 17** in the HQ Lobby and **May 18** in the OSB Lobby; **May 24** in the ITL Warehouse, CCAFS, and **May 25** in the SSPF Cafeteria.

◆ **Did You Know?** The KSC Safety, Health and Independent Assessment organization maintains a human factors assessment team capable of assisting project and program managers to help identify potential human factors issues and controls.

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Deadlines: 10 a.m. the day before. Send information, comments or questions to:

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Countdown on the Internet -- <http://www-pao.ksc.nasa.gov/kscpao/ksccount/2000/2000.htm>